

**District V Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**
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**Wichita Fire Station #21
2110 N. 135th St. W.
Wichita, KS 67235**

**February 23, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21, 2110 N. 135th West Wichita, KS 67235. In attendance were four District Advisory Board members, three City staff and six members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Jill Kerschen
Jose Gutierrez
Claire Hersh
JV Johnston

Staff Present

Officer Bradley Haught, Patrol West
Captain Mark Dewey, WFD Station 21
Oscar Raymundo, Administrative Aide

Members Absent

Council Member Longwell
Bryan Frye
Mike Greene
Mike Hill
Troy Palmer
Jeffrey Preisner
Kelly Watkins
Paul Truitt
Joey Ellzey

Guests

Lisa Blume
Pamela Vaughn
Mark Harmon
Lonny Wright
Sandy McDonald
John McDonald

Order of Business

The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem, Jill Kerschen at 6:30 p.m., The DAB meeting did not reach a qualifying quorum.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. **Motion passed: (4/0)**

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 26, 2015 were approved. **Motion passed: (4/0)**

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items:

Mark Harmon, Stand Together Coalition, spoke to the DAB members opposing decriminalizing recreational marijuana use in the city of Wichita. Harmon explained that the youth of the city are at the highest risk and have developed a false perception that marijuana is safe and fun to use. Harmon mentioned that studies show that marijuana use: lowers IQ, impairs judgment, and increases crime among the youth.

DAB? What is Stand Together Coalition asking from the DAB? **A:** We are outreaching and educating citizens to make informed decisions for our community.

*******Action: Received and file**

2. Off Agenda items: None

*******Action: Received and file**

Staff Presentations

3. Wichita Fire Department Report

Captain Mark Dewey, WFD, gave a brief update on the activities at Station 21. In January, there were two residential fires causing \$190,000 in damages. Residents are advised not to place their BBQ grills up against the house where siding and overhead roofs can easily combust into flames. Residents are also advised to use fire safety with fireplace and to only burn appropriate material.

*******Action: Receive and file.**

4. Community Police Report

Officer Bradley Haught, WPD, gave a brief update on the activities in Patrol West. In the month of February criminal activity is down by 25% in 16 Beat, 15.6% in 19 Beat, and 34.8% in 199 Beat compared to 2014 data. In 199 beat there have been several daytime residential burglaries that are being investigated.

*******Action: Receive and file.**

Board Agenda

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

None to report.

General Comments/ Announcements:

Next Meeting: March 16, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Sanchez, Community Liaison District V & VI